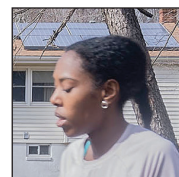




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A Review

Winter Oasis Concert by Relic Delights Full House at the Café

by Frank Gervasi

Winter Oasis, by the Baroque music ensemble Relic, is a wonderful production. Enthusiastically and flawlessly performing works by Handel, Bach, Vivaldi and other composers, this group is entertaining, inspiring and educational. Over 80 people packed the New Deal Café for a lunchtime concert on Monday, February 20 to hear these 10 musicians play. This was one of a number of shows this touring group is doing in our area.

Children were a large and participating part of the audience at a Community Center show on Saturday. Greenbelt resident and violinist Natalie Kress invited the kids up to play a few notes and to conduct the group, which they did with much energy and excitement.

The 10 musicians are mostly graduates of Juilliard, six of whom founded the group, with members from Peabody and the Hague Conservatory in the



Menglin Gao plays the theorbo at the New Deal Café.

Netherlands. The music is played on violins and violas, a cello and bass, harpsichord, bassoon and a rather ancient instrument called a theorbo. This very long-necked relative of the lute is played by Hague graduate Menglin Gao.

That and the harpsichord are both ancestors of the guitar and piano, respectively. “The theorbo fell out of favor in the mid-1700s, although some more modern composers have included it on rare occasions,” Gao said.

A Greenbelt Community Foundation grant is responsible for helping to bring this excellent group here to perform.

Coming shows this week include one at The Clarice Smith Center at University of Maryland on Friday, February 24 and a second show at Greenbelt Community Church on Sunday, February 26 at 3 p.m. These free shows are a wonderful opportunity for young and old to hear some terrific music.

For those who cannot attend the live performances, Greenbelt Access Television filmed the New Deal Café concert which will be available to watch on the station.

PHOTO BY FRANK GERVASI

Black History Month

Attendees Celebrate Black Culture: Music, Drumming, and Spoken Word

by Deb Daniel

On Sunday afternoon February 19 at the Community Center, a room filled with Greenbelt patrons of the arts and their guests danced, clapped and listened raptly as poetry, drumming and jazz filled the air. Each part of the program was so beautifully presented that no one part commanded the spotlight and all parts were enjoyable and educational.

Dr. Lois Rosado, co-chair of the Greenbelt Black History and Culture Committee, started the program by giving a traditional

tribute to the water and earth known as the Libation Ceremony. Next, in the spirit of resilience and resistance that has characterized the Black experience since leaving Africa and becoming enslaved in the New World of the Americas, Zoraida Rosado Baur led a song by James Weldon Johnson.

CHEARS Earth Squad

The CHEARS Earth Squad and youth of Springhill Lake Recreation Center joined in a welcome dance with Nana Malaya backed by the Hands On Drums group with Kweku Owusu from Ghana, a master drum builder, teacher and performer.

Mayor Emmett Jordan then welcomed all attendees to enjoy the arts of the afternoon. Delegate Nicole Williams, speaking for herself and State Senator Alonzo Washington who could not attend, emphasized the spirit of survival that is important for her work representing Greenbelt. Francis Stedman, a poet born on the island of St. Lucia, read his poetry. Stedman’s poetry is informed by a knowledge of political systems which create social divisions and suffering.

Capoeira Angola

Next came Mestre Santemu and his Capoeira Angola group.

An African-established martial art form, Capoeira Angola was used to secure maroon societies in Brazil during enslavement. Santemu is one of the only African Americans (Afro-USA) to be recognized as a mestre of Capoeira Angola. The display of “fighting” with an acrobatic flair looked similar to a “push hands” display of Tai Chi in parts, building strength and cunning in a martial art.

Sainey Cessay

Prince George’s County Youth Poet Laureate Sainey Cessay

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What Goes On

Monday, February 27
7:30 p.m., City Council Meeting, Municipal Building
Wednesday, March 1
7:30 p.m., Council Worksession: Greenbelt Center Homeowners Association, Municipal Building

See the city ad on page 5 or the meetings calendar at greenbeltmd.gov for more information.



Sainey Cessay recites poetry.

PHOTO BY DEB DANIEL

School Replacement Program Explained at Packed Forum

by Deb Daniel

Over 140 people gathered in the Greenbelt Library meeting room on February 15 to learn about the BluePrint Schools program (also known as P3) which has started to rebuild Prince George’s County Public School (PGCPS) buildings. Mayor Emmett Jordan spoke first to the packed meeting room about how Greenbelt loves books, with the Greenbelt Library having

the highest circulation of all of Prince George’s County libraries. Councilmembers Ric Gordon, Kristen Weaver and Judith Davis also attended the meeting. Jonathan Briggs, Prince George’s County School Board Member for District 2, representing Greenbelt, was also present, as were many representatives from

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Mel Franklin, left, takes questions at the community meeting.

PHOTO BY ANNA BEDFORD-DILLOW

City Receives Composting Grant, Looks at Proposal for Car Wash

by Diane Oberg

At its February 13 regular meeting, the Greenbelt City Council received multiple presentations, including one on a federal compost and food waste grant received by the city and a recirculating car wash pilot

program. Council accepted a donation to CARES and several committee reports and presented one proclamation. School Board Representative Jonathan Briggs’s

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Amy Wenzel caught this Great Egret preening its feathers at sunset. Photo Show of Greenbelt Lake Wildlife now at the Patuxent Wildlife Visitor Center remains open through February 28.

PHOTO BY AMY WENZEL

Letter to the Editor

Treasured Kayak Illegally Taken

This beautiful, valuable kayak, withheld by law until Terri Dunahay’s estate was closed, has been illegally removed from GHI’s locked storage lot by persons unknown, and replaced with a broken-down pink wooden boat. According to GHI, only persons with a key to the lot had access to the boat. GHI’s insurance does not cover the loss. The young person who was to inherit Terri’s kayak will of course be disappointed. But Terri’s many Greenbelt friends will be appalled. And persistent. And very alert.

Hopefully someone misunderstood the kayak’s ownership and its serious, legally protected status. Whatever their motivation may have been, whoever has the boat would be very wise to return it undamaged, immediately, before legal consequences are set in motion.

Melissa Mackey
Lesley Kash

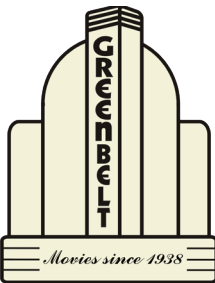


Terri Dunahay in her treasured kayak

PHOTO BY ELIZABETH LEE

Crisis Hotline’s New Number is 988

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline dialing code is now 988 and is available for phone calls and text messages. Calls and text messages are confidential and free.



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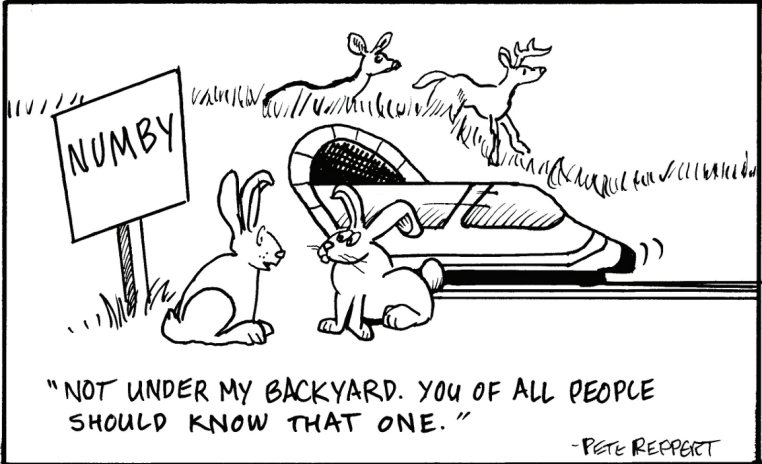
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(2022) (161 mins)
Sun. 1:00 PM
RRR (PG-13) (CC) (DVS)
(2022) (187 mins)
Telugu w/ English subtitles
Thurs. 6:30 PM

Screen 2 - The Screening Room

Animated Oscar Shorts
(2023) (95 mins)
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First four films are suitable for kids 10 and up, but the final film is for adult audiences only.
Sat. 5:15 PM
Sun. 5:15 PM
Wed. 8:00 PM
Thurs. 7:00 PM

Live Action Oscar Shorts
(2023) (110 mins)
Rating equivalent of PG-13 for adult themes.
Sat. 8:00 PM
Wed. 5:30 PM
Thurs. 4:00 PM

Documentary Oscar Shorts
(2023) (165 mins)
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Sun. 1:30 PM
Mon. 2:30 PM
Tues. 6:45 PM



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On Screen at Old Greenbelt Theatre

Emily

The film imagines Emily Brontë’s own Gothic story that inspired her seminal novel, Wuthering Heights. Haunted by the death of her mother, Emily (Emma Mackey) struggles within the confines of her family life and yearns for artistic and personal freedom, and so begins a journey to channel her creative potential into one of the greatest novels of all time. “A bold and audacious retelling of Emily Brontë’s life starring an uncommonly compelling Emma Mackey,” said critic Jocelyn Noveck of the Associated Press.

Black Panther: Wakanda Forever

In this sequel to Marvel’s first Black Panther film, Queen Ramonda (Angela Bassett), Shuri (Letitia Wright), M'Baku (Winston Duke), Okoye (Danai Gurira) and the Dora Milaje (including Florence Kasumba) fight to protect their nation from intervening world powers in the wake of King T'Challa’s death. As the Wakandans strive to embrace their next chapter, the heroes must band together with the help of War Dog Nakia (Lupita Nyong'o) and Everett Ross (Martin Freeman) and forge a new path for the kingdom of Wakanda.

RRR

(Telugu with English subtitles)
RRR (short for Rise Roar Revolt) is a fictitious story about two legendary revolutionaries, Komaram Bheem (N.T. Rama Rao, Jr.) and Alluri Sitarama Raju (Ram Charan) and their journey away from home before they started fighting for their country in the 1920s. Set in British-occupied India, the film opens with the villainous Governor Scott (Ray Stevenson) and his wife Catherine (Alison Doody) kidnapping a little girl named Mallie (Twinkle Sharma) from her tribe. What they don’t realize is the Gond tribe has a protector, Bheem, who is dead set on rescuing the child.

Oscar-Nominated Shorts

Animated Shorts
An Ostrich Told Me the World Is Fake and I Think I Believe It (Australia)
Ice Merchants (Portugal, United Kingdom, France)
My Year of Dicks (United States)
The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse (United Kingdom)
The Flying Sailor (Canada)

Live Action Shorts
An Irish Goodbye (Ireland)
Ivalu (Denmark)
Le Pupille (Italy, United States)
Night Ride (Nattrikken) (Norway)
The Red Suitcase (Luxembourg)

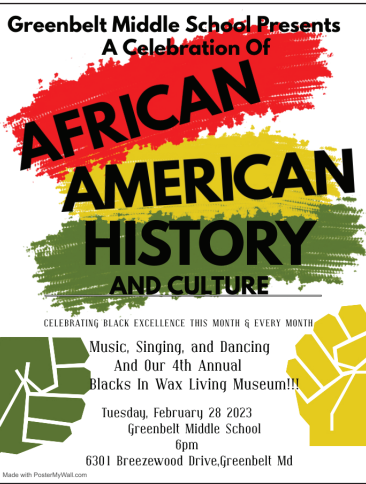
Documentary Shorts
Haulout (United Kingdom)
How Do You Measure a Year? (United States)
Stranger at the Gate (United States)
The Elephant Whisperers (India)
The Martha Mitchell Effect (United States)

Community Events

GMS Black History Celebration Is Tuesday

Greenbelt Middle School (GMS) is having an African American History and Culture Celebration which includes an amazing Blacks In Wax Living Museum created and organized by Carlos Pugh, the school’s parent engagement assistant. GMS students and staff commit a great deal of time and effort each year in putting together this magnificent production and they hope that members of the Greenbelt community will attend.

The event takes place on Tuesday, February 28 at 6 p.m. at the school.



Black History Events

The Greenbelt Black History and Culture Committee invites the community to visit the Art Exhibition featuring artists of color and youth at the New Deal Café and the Greenbelt Arts Center. Some of the artists are as young as 15 and this is their first showing. Come help to encourage them. The exhibition will close on March 6.

Wakanda Forever will be shown free at the Old Greenbelt Theatre on Sunday, February 26 at 1 p.m. For more information email blackhistoryandculturegb@gmail.com.

Greenbelt Chess Club Meeting February 27

The Greenbelt Chess Club will meet on Monday, February 27, at the New Deal Café. This event will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. All ages and skill levels are welcomed. For more information call Effie Levner at 443-415-1053.

Winter Forest Ecology Hike on February 26

Come out to the Greenbelt Forest Preserve on Sunday, February 26 at 11 a.m. for a hike focused on the winter ecology of the forest. Bradley Simpson of Nature Forward will help give an understanding of the beautiful forest preserve. Learn about what kind of forest it is, how to identify different plants and what “deer candy” is. The hike will last about two hours and is moderately strenuous, with mud and roots in the path and climbing over downed trees. There is limited space for this hike so RSVP to suzanbwild@gmail.com to reserve a spot. Details of where to meet will be shared with those who respond. In the tradition of the Committee to Save the Green Belt, refreshments will be offered following the hike.

Simpson is the restoration manager at Nature Forward (formerly the Audubon Naturalist Society) where he manages the restoration of Woodend’s natural habitats. He has a B.S. in environmental science and policy with a concentration in wildlife ecology and management. He has engaged in urban forest research and is currently pursuing a master’s degree in urban forest ecology at the University of Maryland.

2023 Greenbriar Annual Homeowners’ Meetings

Greenbriar residents should mark their calendars for annual 2023 homeowners’ meetings. All meetings will be held Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in the Greenbriar Terrace Room. The schedule is as follows: Phase I, March 7; Phase II, March 14; Phase III, March 21; and Greenbriar Condominium Association, March 28.

Final Concert Sunday By Baroque Orchestra

Relic, an 11-member period chamber orchestra, has been giving a series of free concerts in Greenbelt, funded by a Community Foundation grant. The final concert will be on Sunday, February 26, at 3 p.m. at Greenbelt Community Church, in collaboration with the University of Maryland Baroque Ensemble and Aisslinn Nosky.

Audience members are encouraged to register at relicensembale.org/events.

Golden Age Has Two Speakers for March

The Greenbelt Golden Age Club will have two speakers during the month of March. Dan Gillotte, Greenbelt Co-op manager, will speak on March 8 on the Co-op and St. Patrick’s Day specialties. On March 29, Greenbelt Police Officer Carlos Torres will talk about safety for seniors. Other events for the month include a business meeting on March 1, March birthday celebrations (bring a snack to share) on March 15 and Bingo on March 22. All club meetings are held on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. in the Community Center, Room 201. All seniors are invited to attend as a member or as a guest.



Golden Age Club Anniversary Lunch

The Greenbelt Golden Age Club will celebrate its anniversary in person for the first time in three years. The luncheon will be held on Wednesday, April 19 at the Holiday Inn in College Park. Entertainment will be provided by the Pandemic Sisters – with ukuleles, other strings and songs. The luncheon will be a choice of grilled salmon, chicken Florentine or vegetarian.

There is a fee to attend but those who are Golden Age members pay half price. Those interested can sign up at the Golden Age meetings in the next few weeks. Meetings are on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. in the Community Center, Room 201.

For more information email joan_baker@verizon.net.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

GAIL Offers Powerful Tools for Caregivers

Feeling stretched as a caregiver? Powerful Tools for Dementia Caregivers (PTC) classes help caregivers take better care of themselves while caregiving. Whether one provides care for a spouse, partner, parent or friend at home or in a care facility, whether down the block or miles away, this is an important role.

Introducing Your Care Companion: when the class series ends, each caregiver will be paired with a Care Companion for 90 days who will provide four follow-up calls offering further support and resources. The course is funded by the 2021 Alzheimer’s Program Initiative.

Open to Prince George’s County residents, this virtual seven-week class series provides the confidence and support to better care for a loved one – and oneself.

The classes give caregivers tools to help. Participants will receive a book, The Caregiver Helpbook.

Upcoming PTC Class series #6 runs Wednesdays, March 1 – April 12, 10 to 11:30 a.m. via Zoom for all classes. Register: forms.gle/e6i93hqng36deqYH7. For questions, contact Sharon Johnson at 240-542-2029 or sjohnson@greenbeltmd.gov.

Participants are encouraged to attend all six classes, have access to a stable internet connection and use a desktop, laptop or large tablet to access the class.

This project is supported by the Administration for Community Living (ACL), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as part of a financial assistance award totaling \$1.2 million, with 67 percent funded by ACL/HHS and 33 percent funded by non-federal sources. The contents are those of the authors and do not necessarily represent the official views of, nor an endorsement by, ACL/HHS or the U.S. Government.

Board Games Meeting At Community Center

Greenbelt Unplugged will offer board games on Friday, February 24 (and every 4th Friday of the month). The meeting will be in the Community Center, Room 114 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Email events@greenbeltunplugged.org to be added to a contact list.

Camp Registration Now Open for All

Registration is open for Greenbelt Recreation’s 2023 spring break and summer camps for both Greenbelt residents and non-residents. Programs are available for children ages 3.5 to 17 years, including arts, dance, sports, music, field trips and more. Inclusion services and financial assistance are available, as well as before- and after-care.

View the Camp Guide and registration materials at bit.ly/3X4l0pQ.

Greenbelt Summer Peace Builders Camp

Greenbelt Community Church will host a Peace Builder Camp July 24 to 28, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The camps are week-long Little Friends for Peace programs designed to introduce peace to children ages 5 to 14. The camp utilizes art, games and presentations to teach children mindfulness, empathy, anger management, conflict resolution and self-empowerment. Students bring their own lunches.

The peace circle process is used to teach the curriculum. The programs share a peace toolbox, which empowers individuals to deepen compassion, empathy and love and imparts skills for living peacefully and spreading peace in communities.

For cost and to register, visit lffp.org/peacecamp. For more information, email peacecamp@lffp.org or call MJ Park at 240-838-4549.

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MON 2/27	TUES 2/28	WED 3/1	TH 3/2	MON - FRI
Chess Club* 6-8pm New Deal Monthly Board Meeting* 6:30-8pm	Early Bird Open Mic with Michael McTrousers 6:30-9pm Sign in's at 6:15	The Campfire Sessions 7-9pm A monthly "listening room" showcasing local songwriters	Wolf's Blues Show & Sit-In Jam 6:30-10pm Wolf Crescent's big, bodacious, boogie blues jam	Happy Hour 4-7pm \$1.00 off beer and wine

It's time to renew your membership or join NDC. Go to www.newdealcafe.com, click on "ABOUT", then "BECOME A MEMBER OR RENEW"

*For more information on these events, visit the NDC CALENDAR page on our website.

Boxes of Donations to Warm Earthquake’s Many Survivors Fill a Church, then a Mosque

by Amy Hansen



Daniel Hamlin unloads donations at the Diyanet Center of America’s underground parking garage. This February 16 donation was the last the Diyanet Center accepted.

Boxes upon boxes, stacked on wooden pallets and then shrink-wrapped. This was the scene on February 16 in the underground parking garage of the Diyanet Center of America, the mosque on Good Luck Road. The members of the mosque were collecting blankets, coats and sleeping bags to transport to parts of Turkey devastated by the February 6 earthquake.

Among the hundreds of boxes are several carloads of items from Greenbelt Community Church, driven to the mosque by Daniel Hamlin. “Sometimes we lose track that there’s a lot of good in the world,” he said while looking at the donations.

Hamlin, former minister and current member of the church, toured Turkey a decade ago. He and his wife, Kyla Han-

ington, were paying attention when someone on the Facebook Greenbelter’s list posted that the Turkish Embassy in downtown Washington, D.C., was requesting winter items for earthquake survivors.

Hamlin knew about the strong connections between the mosque and the Turkish government and called to find out if they too were collecting. He and Hanington spoke with church leaders and started a wish list.

The church email went out on Wednesday, February 8. Before the Sunday service, the church was inundated with winter clothing, tents, sleeping bags and blankets, donated by both church members and community members who heard about the drive. The church continued to collect items through Tuesday morning

for people in need in Turkey,” said Hamlin, “but also healing for divisions in America.”

As Hamlin handed over the boxes to the two men at the Diyanet Center, they thanked him profusely. Hamlin’s boxes, received on February 16, are the end of their drive, they said. They have as many warm coats, sleeping bags and blankets as they can ship. Further donations should be in the form of money to charities that work in Turkey.

Amy Hansen is a member of Greenbelt Community Church.



as volunteers started putting the donations into shipping boxes.

Often after a natural disaster the rescue community asks for only money as shipping is expensive. The difference this time, Hamlin said, was that the Turkish government asked for help getting tangible goods and is willing to manage the shipping.

“These donations are obviously healing

St. Hugh’s to Sponsor Mission Here in March

St. Hugh’s Catholic Church is coordinating with other local Catholic parishes to co-sponsor a mission under the guidance of the Franciscan University of Steubenville in Ohio. The mission will be held on three evenings: Sunday, March 5 through Tuesday, March 7 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The location will be St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, 11007 Montgomery Road, Beltsville. Many people have travelled to Steubenville to attend missions and retreats. This will be a chance for locals to obtain the “Steubenville Experience for Everyone.” Everyone is welcome to attend.

The three nights will include Catholic speaker, musician and author Dan Harms along with the ministry team from the Franciscan University. Each night will include prayer, music and Eucharistic adoration as well as a time for refreshments and fellowship. There is a small registration fee. To learn more about this mission or to register, visit event.me/w8qyba. Call Mary Ann Tretler at St. Hugh’s at 240-517-7559 for additional information.

Community Church Has Lenten Agape Meals

Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ, will be hosting its annual series of Agape Meals on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. from March 1 through March 29. The event is free and open to the public. A free-will offering will be donated to the missions of the church.

Agape meals are a Lenten tradition for the church and named using the Greek word for the unconditional, unearned love that God has for all. Each simple meal of soup, bread and salad is preceded by short devotional lessons. These events are a celebration of Lent and intended to promote spiritual reflection while providing an opportunity for fellowship. This year’s theme is the Amazing Grace found in these stories: Isaiah and the Suffering Servant, the Prodigal Son, The Blind Man, The Woman and The Well, and the story of Paul.

The church is located at 1 Hillside Road.



Donate Sneakers For People in Need


Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ (GCC) is collecting athletic shoes by partnering with GotSneakers. This sneaker recycling program helps to keep sneakers out of landfills, where they have harmful effects on the environment.

A donation box is located outside the Fellowship Center (the small building behind the church) for people to drop off sneakers at any time.

Become a Plogger Make Greenbelt Sparkle

Greenbelt Plogs, a RUAK initiative, is a fun and engaging way to clean up litter from the streets, paths, streams and ponds while raising awareness on the importance of preventing storm-water pollution.

Join fellow Greenbelters in helping make Greenbelt sparkle. Those interested in joining Greenbelt Plogs should email Robert Goldberg-Strassler at spreadruak@gmail.com.



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Streaming to our Facebook page, on Zoom and in person at 3:00 at:
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City Notes

Sustainability/Environmental briefed the Greenbelt City Council on the USDA Composting Grant, and met with Woodland Hills residents to tour and assess their shared woodland and provide recommendations. Street Maintenance/Special Details installed trash and recycling signs at Greenbelt East Recycling Center, and Horticulture/Parks delivered wood chips for GHI’s Woodland Committee. Refuse/Recycling collected 24.46 tons of refuse and 10.35 tons of recyclables.

The Animal Shelter hosts three dogs, seven cats, six kittens and three rabbits. Two dogs were impounded from evictions and one dog was adopted.

The Youth Center provided headquarters for the DC Road Runners’ George Washington’s Birthday Marathon, and Springhill Lake Recreation Center’s After School Program featured a Valentine’s Day celebration. Arts staff assisted the Lions Club in collecting arts supplies for pediatric cancer patients. Youth performance programs are underway and tickets are available for the Winter Youth Musical.

Therapeutic Recreation hosted an ice cream social for seniors, and park rangers facilitated a CHEARS poetry reading at Schrom Hills Park.



PHOTO BY KATHRYN BEARD

Red-bellied woodpecker

Drop Off Menstrual Products, Bras, Toiletries

The drive to collect bras, menstrual products and toiletries, sponsored by the Greenbelt Alliance for Reproductive Freedom (GARF), will continue through February 28. Drop off donations anytime at bins in six locations: Co-op Supermarket, Aquatic & Fitness Center, Youth Center, Springhill Lake Recreation Center, New Deal Café and Choice Clinical Services in Roosevelt Center.

New and/or gently used bras of any size or type, new sealed menstrual products and new travel or regular size toiletries (toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, conditioner, razors) are in high demand. “Gently used” bras means clean with no large stains, broken clasps or straps, holes, stretched out elastic, smoke smell even after washing, missing underwire or underwire poking through. Other items such as period panties, menstrual cups and new underpants in unopened packages are also needed.

Collected products will go to two nonprofits: Shepherd’s Cove Emergency Shelter for Women and Children and I Support the Girls, which coordinates the direct delivery of supplies on an as-needed basis to organizations serving women and girls.

For more information, email greenbeltarf@gmail.com. For those who prefer to make a monetary donation, visit I Support the Girls at bit.ly/ISTGxGreenbeltARF.



City Information & Events

The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING
Monday, February 27, 2023 at 7:30 pm

ORGANIZATION

Call to Order
Roll Call
Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
Petitions and Requests
Consent Agenda - Approval of Staff Recommendations (Items on the Consent Agenda [marked by *] will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)
Approval of Agenda and Additions

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations
- Prince George’s County Board of Education District 2 Member
- Heart Health Proclamation
* Minutes of Council Meetings
- Statement of Record - February 15, 2023
- Administrative Reports
* Committee Reports
- Arts Advisory Board Report #23-2 FY23/24 Arts Advisory Board
- Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (Green ACES) -Recommendation #2023-01 (Bring Your Own Bag Ordinance)

LEGISLATION

OTHER BUSINESS

- Solar Power Car Wash (tentative)
- Award of Purchase - Public Works Vehicle
- Micro Grants
- State and County Legislation
- Rescheduling the Public Hearing for the Charter Amendment
- Council Activities
- Council Reports
* Appointment to Advisory Board
* Meetings
* Stakeholders

In advance, the hearing impaired is advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email banderson@greenbeltmd.gov.

MEETINGS FOR FEBRUARY 27 - MARCH 3

Tuesday, February 28 at 3:30 pm, **SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**, *On the Agenda: Approve Agenda, Approve January Minutes, Discussion on Annual Not for Seniors Only Event, Staff Update*

Tuesday, February 28 at 7 pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**, *On the Agenda: Minutes of January, New Member Welcoming, Grants Update, Educator Awards Preparations - March 13*

Wednesday, March 1 at 7:30 pm, **WORK SESSION - WORK SESSION - GREENBELT CENTER HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS**

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FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS GRANT PROGRAM

Find out more about the City of Greenbelt First-Time Homebuyers grant program today! The grant funds can be used for closing costs and/or down payment for FHA, VA, USDA, FNMA, or Freddie Mac loans. <http://ow.ly/xIKZ50My327>

FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER COMMUNITY MEETING

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 6:30 PM
BELTWAY PLAZA
6000 Greenbelt Road, Near AMC Theater**

The City of Greenbelt in partnership with the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development will be hosting a community meeting to share information with local renters.

For more information visit <http://ow.ly/jChi50MUk1W>

ARTFUL AFTERNOON WORKSHOP
SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 1-3 PM

Greenbelt Community Center, Room 201

Learn about animation and help create a collaborative, experimental film, with representatives of Greenbelt Access Television (GATe) and the Old Greenbelt Theatre. All ages. FREE.

Details and sign-up: <http://bit.ly/3IEDd0b>

POWERFUL TOOLS FOR CAREGIVERS
Series 6: Wednesdays starting March 1 - April 12, 10 - 11:30 am

This virtual seven-week class series gives you the confidence and support to better care for your loved one – and yourself.

Register: <https://forms.gle/e6i93hqng36deqYH7>

Questions? Contact Sharon Johnson by phone (240) 542-2029 or email sjohnson@greenbeltmd.gov

BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2023

Free Family Film at the Old Greenbelt Theatre: FREE
February 26 at 1 pm, Marvel’s Black Panther: Wakanda Forever.

CITY OF GREENBELT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the City Council will conduct a public hearing on the Charter Resolution of the Council of the City of Greenbelt, to amend §35, City Manager-Appointment; Qualifications; Term of Office; Removal; Acting City Manager, to provide the Council the discretion to permit a City Manager to live outside the City of Greenbelt, and update gender references to the City Manager.

The City Council will hold a public hearing on this charter resolution on March 9, 2023, at 7:30 pm in the Council Room at the Greenbelt Municipal Building located at 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt Maryland 20770. Public testimony will be received by the City Council at the hearing on the above date. Written comments may either be presented at this hearing or sent to the City Clerk.

The public is welcome to attend. The Charter Resolution is available online and at the Clerk’s office. For more information, please **contact the City Manager’s office at (301) 474-8000**.

Bonita Anderson, City Clerk

GREENBELT RECREATION’S SUMMER CAMP GUIDE AT
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COMMUNITY POLICE ACADEMY

TUESDAY EVENINGS FROM FEBRUARY 28 - MAY 9
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A free 11-week course designed to increase communication and understanding between members of the Greenbelt community and the Greenbelt Police Department. It is an excellent opportunity for individuals, living, working, or attending school in Greenbelt to gain a better understanding of how your law enforcement agency works. The GCPA combines classroom and hands-on instruction on a wide variety of police functions.

Applications are due Sunday, February 19.

For more information or to apply, visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/CPA

COMMITTEES & BOARDS
VACANCIES:

- Advisory Committee on Education
- Advisory Planning Board
- Arts Advisory Board
- Board of Elections
- Community Relations Advisory Board
- Forest Preserve Advisory Board
- Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability
- Park and Recreation Advisory Board
- Public Safety Advisory Committee
- Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
- Youth Advisory Committee

**FOR MORE INFORMATION,
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2023 GREENBELT
WELCOME KITS

The City of Greenbelt Welcome Kit is back! This long-standing tradition of providing new Greenbelt residents a physical welcome to the community is in full swing.

The City of Greenbelt, Public Information Office, is now accepting items (flyers, pens, postcards, brochures, tchotchkes, etc.) to be added to the 2023 Welcome Kit for new Greenbelt residents. If you want to include any information about your business, club, or organization, please send 250 promotional items to the address below **by Friday, April 14**.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Departure from Design Standards Application
Greenbelt Advisory Planning Board

Notice is hereby given that the Greenbelt Advisory Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **March 1, 2023 at 7 pm** in the Greenbelt Community Center, Room 114, 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD on an application filed by Armory Place, LLC for consideration of a request for a **Departure from Design Standards (DDS)** for premises located at 7010 Greenbelt Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770. The Applicant is requesting permission to allow universal 9’x18’ parking spaces. Per Prince George’s County Zoning, a standard parking space is required to be 9.5’x19’. This DDS is associated with the submission of a Detailed Site Plan (DSP- 22023) to construct apartment housing for the elderly, consisting of 95 for-sale age-restricted units. The DSP is not subject to the review of this DDS but will be reviewed by the Advisory Planning Board in the immediate future.

For additional information please contact Terri Hruby, Director of Planning and Community Development at (301) 345-5417.

ENGAGE GREENBELT

For all up-to-date ARPA program updates including mortgage assistance programs, scholarships, first-time homebuyer grant programs, small business assistance, and more visit www.engagegreenbelt.org.

City’s CARES Receives \$100 Gift From Democratic Club

At the Greenbelt City Council meeting on Monday, February 13, on behalf of the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club, Jennifer Pompi presented a check for \$100 to Greenbelt CARES in memory of the late Tawanna Gaines, longtime delegate for District 22 and former mayor of Berwyn Heights, who died last year. Pompi said the Democratic Club decided to give

the donation to CARES because their mission resonated with the work Gaines did as a legislator and in the community.

Mayor Emmett Jordan noted that CARES is a 501c(3) organization that accepts donations to the emergency relief fund and several other nonprofit funds that CARES has stewardship over.



Jenni Pompi presents a check on behalf of the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club.

Lions Collect Art Supplies for Children Sick with Cancer

by Konrad Herling and Trenda Rusher

February is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month for Lions Club International. The Greenbelt Lions, in conjunction with 46 Lions Clubs in Maryland and D.C., help children with cancer by providing opportunities to express themselves through the arts. Art therapy helps kids and families thrive and survive during treatment. The Lions partner with Tracy’s Kids, an art therapy organization for pediatric cancer patients, with the help of local artist Effie Levner, who provided two artistic boxes for this community service event.

The Greenbelt Lions are asking the community to make a difference in bringing art therapy

to help children suffering from cancer. Items needed are: sketchbooks or drawing pads, colored pencils, sharpies, drawing pencils, gel pens, origami paper, packets of model clay, small wood-building craft kits, watercolor sets, small sets of acrylic paint, paint brushes and canvas boards. The Greenbelt Lions give special thanks to the Recreation Department and Arts Division for serving as drop-off locations to place art supplies in special boxes.

The donation boxes will be available until Friday, March 10 at the Community Center and the Aquatic & Fitness Center.

Greenbelt Police Officer Faces Prostitution Charges

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

The Greenbelt Police Department was notified by the Prince George’s County Police Department that on February 16 one of their officers, Officer First Class Albert Murray, was issued a criminal summons for violating Maryland prostitution laws. The following day, Greenbelt Police Department made an announcement that one of their officers had been charged with a criminal offense and released a statement.

Murray, a 26-year-old Greenbelt resident, was hired by the Greenbelt Police Department on January 6, 2020. He trained at the Police Academy at the University of Maryland. In October 2022 he was promoted to Police Officer First Class. In January, Murray became the Franklin Park community officer as part of Greenbelt Police Department’s effort to establish a partnership in community policing.

Speaking of his role as a community officer, Murray recently told the News Review, “My objective is to just definitely build back trust with the community and tackle some of the problems that the community has going on ... whether that’s being very visible and vigilant at nighttime ... or something as simple as walking through and saying hi to the kids out there” (see the February 16 issue).

Officers are required to notify their department if they have any contact with law enforcement. In this instance Murray would not have been detained or interviewed. Rather, he will have received a criminal summons by mail. Greenbelt Police Department was likely notified that the summons was issued before Murray received it.

General prostitution charges in Maryland are considered misdemeanors and carry up to one year in jail and a \$500 fine.

Currently, Murray is on administrative leave from the Greenbelt Police Department and his police powers have been



Officer Murray

PHOTO COURTESY GREENBELT POLICE

suspended pending the criminal case and in accordance with the department’s policy. The Greenbelt Police Department also conducted a separate internal affairs investigation.

“The Greenbelt Police Department is committed to transparency at all levels and will continue to cooperate with the Prince George’s County Police Department’s investigation,” said Chief Richard Bowers. “These actions are not reflective of the men and women of the Greenbelt Police Department and do not reflect our standards.”

Murray’s hearing is scheduled for the end of March.

The Woman Behind The New Deal: Talk

Frances Perkins, United States Labor Secretary from 1933 to 1945 will be the subject of a social justice biography presented at St. George’s Church, 7010 Glenn Dale Road, Glenn Dale on Sunday, March 5 starting at 11:15 a.m. All are welcome at this presentation and discussion and at the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. services that morning. The Rev. Charles Hoffacker, an Episcopal priest resident in Greenbelt and a director of the Frances Perkins Center in Maine, will be the presenter.

Motivated by her strong Episcopal faith, Frances Perkins contributed to major New Deal programs such as Social Security, Unemployment Insurance, and the Minimum Wage. She also advocated for Jewish refugees from Nazism. May 13 is her annual feast day in the calendar of the Episcopal Church.

Yarn and Darn Meets Wednesdays

Knitters, crocheters, embroiderers, rug hookers, seamsters et al. bring your portable fiber arts to the Community Center to chat and socialize while working on individual projects.

This is a free social meet-up. Participants must bring their own projects and materials. No registration required. Meetings are Wednesdays, 7 to 9 p.m. in Room 113.

Email alarsen@greenbeltmd.gov for more information.

Relic Ensemble Recital



PHOTO BY JON GARDNER

The Relic baroque ensemble gives a free concert at the Community Church on February 16. Their final concert will be at the same venue on February 26 at 3 p.m. See review on p. 1.

News Review on Tour



PHOTO BY ISOBEL TAYLORCH

Susan Taylor holds the Greenbelt News Review in front of another neighborhood paper.

Bill and Ginny Jones took their Greenbelt News Review to Lima in Peru, February 2-9, where they were visiting their daughter, Cathy, a Fulbright scholar running workshops for Peruvian high school math teachers.



PHOTO BY COURTESY BILL JONES

Social Justice Talk: Mother Maria of Paris

Maria Skobtsova, an Orthodox nun active in Paris during the German occupation, will be the subject of a social justice biography presented at St. George’s Church, 7010 Glenn Dale Road, Glenn Dale on Sunday, March 19 starting at 10 a.m. All are welcome at this presentation and at the 8 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services that morning. The Rev. Charles Hoffacker, an Episcopal priest resident in Greenbelt, will be the presenter.

Mother Maria’s rented house in Paris was a place that welcomed refugees, the needy and the lonely as well as a center for intellectual and theological discussion. The safe haven she provided for Jews led to her own death in a concentration camp in 1945. Her annual feast day is July 20 in the Orthodox Church and July 21 in the Episcopal Church.



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At the Library

Regular hours are Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesdays and Wednesdays, noon to 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sundays, 1 to 5 p.m. In case of inclement weather or an emergency, real-time updates to the Greenbelt Library’s schedule are posted at pgcmls.info/alerts.

Storytimes

Friday, February 24, 11:15 a.m., ages 2 to 3. Register at pgcmls.info/event/7704310.

Monday, February 27, 10:15 a.m., ages 0 to 2. Register at pgcmls.info/event/7704262.

Dance Class for Kids

Tuesday, February 28, 6:30 p.m., ages 3 to 12. Practice kids’ ballet, lyrical, hip-hop, jazz and more. Presented by Evolution Dance Studio. (Register at pgcmls.info/event/7427593.)

Teen Action Group

Wednesday, March 1, 4:30 p.m., ages 13 to 18. Come make a difference in the community, earn community service hours, gain new friends and be heard. Register at pgcmls.info/event/7891950.

Virtual Events

PGCMLS continues to offer virtual events for the public. The schedule of upcoming programs may be accessed at pgcmls.info/events.

VolunTEENS

Prince George’s County teens in grades six to 12 can earn student service learning (SSL) hours through participation in the Library’s VolunTEEN program. Teens may submit the appropriate information needed for each VolunTEEN prompt in Beanstack via the link at pgcmls.info/teens. All of the necessary information must be provided for a teen to earn their SSL hours through the VolunTEEN program up to a maximum of 12 SSL hours.

Reading Challenge

PGCMLS and the Washington Wizards basketball team offer the Winter Reading Challenge through March 31. Visit pgcmls.info for more information and to register.

Chromebooks

Online 2Go Chromebooks may be borrowed from the Library by those 18 and older with library cards in good standing; one device per customer. No LINK or student accounts are allowed.

The Chromebooks have a six-week loan period which may be renewed once for another six weeks if there are no hold requests from other customers. Further information is available at pgcmls.info/borrow-technology.

Novel Endings Open for Business

Novel Endings is the used book room within the Greenbelt Library. Sales of books and other media from this room support special programming and the Library.

Maintained by volunteers for the Friends of Greenbelt Library, Novel Endings receives donations of book discards from the library as well as donations from the community by special arrangements. To donate books, email friendsofgreenbeltlibrary@gmail.com. Cash and check donations are also accepted in the black box next to the Library’s front desk.

Come see what Novel Endings has to offer and support the Greenbelt Library at the same time.

Road Runners’ Marathon Race Celebrates Washington’s Birth

by Sununu Bah

DC Road Runners Club conducted a 26.2-mile marathon Sunday in Greenbelt and the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center to celebrate the birthday of the first president of the United States, George Washington.

The George Washington Birthday Marathon and Relay featured a three-loop course that began between Northway and Woodland Way and ended on Crescent Road. The first leg was 9.7 miles, while the second and third legs were 7.2 and 9.2 miles respectively. The course took nearly seven hours for everyone to complete. It also included 13 aid stations every two miles that provided runners with water and Gatorade, and sometimes snacks and comfort.

The fastest solo marathon was completed in 2:50:49 by Christopher Collins, a 43-year-old male.

Greenbelter John Zale, 37, completed his fifth-ever marathon Sunday in 4:24:05.

Zale, a four-year resident of Greenbelt, said that he was just glad to finish despite missing three weeks of his 16-week marathon training program because he and his family were sick.

“There were some people who finished in like, seven hours. I feel like that’s a bigger accomplishment than my time,” Zale said. “I mean for like seven hours, if you can keep going, that sounds like a bigger accomplishment than four.”

DC Road Runners, which hosts about 20 marathon events a year, gave runners the opportunity to run the marathon in relays, allowing runners to split the three legs in a manner that fit them.

The fastest relay marathon was completed in 3:07:27 by an Arlington, Va., marathon group called “The Old, The Beautiful and Jack.”

Washington Running Club members Jack Sullivan, James Scarborough and Eric Fethe, of Fairfax, Va., finished their relay marathon together in 3:46:33. The trio began their training about a month ago by running every day and participating in weekly races. Scarborough, 64, advised new marathon runners to participate in relays.

“If you don’t want to do the marathon here, which is pretty tough, because you have to do all those hills multiple times, it’s easier to put together a team,” Scarborough said.

Awards

Solo marathon runners received a medal after completing their race while first, second

and third place winners received \$200, \$100 and \$50 respectively. The Road Runners also award \$50 for new course record placers. There were no new record holders this year.

Current course records were set by then 28-year-old male Bobby Doyle of Rhode Island in 1978 with the time of 2:22:14; then 39-year-old female Rose Malloy of Maryland in 1988 with the time of 2:53:39; then 45-year-old male master Jim McDonogh of New York in 1969 with the time of 2:31:58; and then 43-year-old female master Claudia Ciarvarella of Virginia in 1993 with the time of 3:13:17.

Masters, being the first person 40 years old and older to finish the race, and grand masters, the first person 50 years old and older to finish the race were awarded \$50 each. First-, second- and third-place runners in each decade age category starting in the 10s and ending in 70+ were awarded \$15, \$10 and \$5 gift cards. \$5 gift cards were awarded to first men, women, coed, masters men’s and masters women’s teams.

DC Road Runners is a member of the Road Runners Club of America and affiliated with USA Track & Field. DC Road Runners board member and membership director, Nate Rathjen, said DC Road Runners fill in a major gap in the DMV area, as there aren’t many marathons in the area and none in the spring. DC Road Runners conducts about 20 races a year throughout Washington, Maryland and Virginia.

“There aren’t a lot of opportunities to run a marathon right here without traveling long distances,” Rathjen said. “And that’s one of the reasons why these races remain so popular.”

Sununu Bah is a graduate student in journalism at the University of Maryland writing for the News Review.



Families and friends gather to see loved ones complete their marathon race at the George Washington Birthday Marathon and Relay on Sunday in Greenbelt.



Nate Rathjen, of the DC Road Runners Club, hands Alexandra Dystant, 29, of Catonsville her medal after she completed her marathon in 03:49:48.



Kathryn McGinnis, 23, of Heath, Ohio, crosses the finish line.
- Photos by Sununu Bah

PLAY BALL!

Registration is open for the 2023 Spring Season for Greenbelt Youth Baseball Little League <http://www.gyblittleleague.org/>



Divisions available for players ages 4 – 14
Evaluations and team selections start in March
Season runs from April to June
Coaches and volunteers welcome!

Questions? E-mail us at greenbeltyouthbaseball@gmail.com



PRELIMINARY AGENDA
Meetings of the GHI Board of Directors on
March 2, 2023

GHI Closed Meeting – starts at 7:00 p.m. - closed to members and visitors

- a) Approve Minutes of the Closed Meeting Held on January 19, 2023
- b) Request by a Non-member to Temporarily Reside in a GHI Unit
- c) Member Complaint Matters
- d) Member Financial Matters

GHI Open Meeting - starts at 7:45 p.m. - open to visitors and members

- a) Statements of Closed Meetings Held on February 16th, February 23rd, February 27th, March 1st and March 2nd, 2023
- b) Approve Minutes of the Open Meeting Held on January 19, 2023
- c) Storm Water Management Sub-Committee’s Report for Year 2022
- d) 2023 Exterior Building and Yard Inspection Program
- e) Parking Issues in Courts with Reserved Parking Spaces
- f) Finance Committee’s Recommendation re: Compensation Payments to Members During the Pipe Replacement Pilot Program
- g) Motion to Hold a Closed Meeting on March 16, 2023

Members and visitors who wish to attend the Open meetings must register in advance via the following link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZUocOGgpjliG9dSX9Z8Zcl8xQmls9q9rgoy%C2%A0>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.



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presentation was deferred, as he was unable to attend.

Composting Grant

Sustainability Coordinator Luisa Robles gave a presentation on the \$266,754 composting grant the city has received from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). The grant will fund a two-year pilot program for curbside collection of food scraps, which are estimated to account for at least 24 percent of the weight of materials taken to landfills.

The city will partner with several community entities, including Trinity Assembly of God, which will provide the composting site; the Greenbelt Community Garden Club and Three Sisters Gardens and Food Forest (sponsored by Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society), which will accept compost and incorporate it into soil; and a composting and hauling vendor who will establish the composting facility and collect the food scraps.

As required by the USDA, Greenbelt and its Green Team will recruit residents to participate, with preference given to those with low or fixed income, and those in apartments or with small yards. Public Works will bring brown mulch from the pile on Northway and deliver the finished compost.

Robles identified several benefits of the program, including diverting food waste from landfills, demonstrating food waste composting at a small/medium scale, increased local compost production, improved soil health, reduced greenhouse gas emissions

and improved equity by focusing on low-income households and apartment dwellers. It will also reduce city landfill tipping costs and help reduce the dirty mulch pile on Northway. Participation will be 400 households.

After the grant ends, it would cost \$110,400 per year to service 400 residents. If it continued with vendor collection, the service would cost households \$32 per month, paid to the vendor. If the city decided to take on the collection, it could incorporate the cost into the fee for refuse and recycling or move to a “pay as you throw” model where customers would be billed based upon the volume of food waste collected.

The vendor is to start preparing the site this month with collection to begin within six months, Robles said. Councilmember Kristen Weaver noted that this program will include things such as meat scraps and bones that could not be put in backyard compost piles.

Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability Chair John Lippert voiced concern about the plan to issue a request for proposals (RFP) for the composting vendor. The vendor identified for the pilot already has an agreement with Trinity to host the site (within city limits), and the RFP process could delay the pilot.

Car Wash

Peter May of the University of Maryland Department of Environmental Science and Technology gave a presentation on a proposed recirculating car wash

pilot program that has received a grant from the State of Maryland Industrial Partnerships. In conjunction with Stanley Auto Spa, May and his colleagues would establish a self-service car wash in Greenbelt that would capture, filter and reuse the water from the car wash. In addition, a solar awning would enable the system to operate without access to a water source or electricity, while taking up just two parking spaces. Working with city staff, May identified the best location as in the Roosevelt Center parking lot near the Aquatic & Fitness Center. The pilot will run through July, although the city could decide to continue to operate it after the pilot ends.

The station will include soap, wax and rinse. There will be a fee. In addition to powering the station, solar panels will also collect and divert rainwater into the system. May assured council that the only water that would leave the station would be that dissipating off the cars (e.g., from the roof). If there were any overflow, that water would first be filtered through the system. There is a holding tank to collect any solids.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts objected to using two spaces in the back lot. Interim City Manager Timothy George said that the location is close to the grass. The station is small enough that it will fit within the parking space without infringing on the adjacent space.

Council took no position on the project at this meeting.

Donations

Jennifer Pompi of the Eleanor

and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club presented council with a contribution to CARES in honor of the late Tawanna Gaines. Pompi noted that at both the local and state level, Gaines had supported CARES.

Council, on a 3-1 vote, agreed to donate \$100 toward the cost of the Greenbelt Middle School’s Student Government Association President attending the Maryland Association of Student Councils Convention in Ocean City, Maryland.

Consent Agenda

Council accepted reports responding to council referrals on possible election changes (term limits and noncitizen voting) and extending collective bargaining to city employees outside of the Police Department.



A daffodil blooms amid a sea of crocuses.


County to Begin Saturday Tutoring

The Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission, Department of Parks and Recreation in Prince George’s County in partnership with the county council announces its new weekend tutoring program, Saturday Enrichment Academy (SEA), to help improve grades and test scores of county youth. In this three-hour weekly program, learning coaches will use creative ways to meet the needs and styles of participants in grades 1 to 3 to promote academic acceleration. SEA is free for Prince George’s County residents ages six to nine and will take place at nine locations from March 4 to June 10 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

“The purpose of our Saturday Enrichment Academy is to provide academic support to youth who are having challenges with English language arts and STEAM,” states Anica O’Neil, assistant division chief at the department.

Students will receive small group tutoring that creates a more comfortable learning environment and allows tutors to meet participants where they are. SEA will take place each Saturday at nearby Berwyn Heights Elementary and eight other county elementary schools: Columbia Park, Deerfield Run, Langley Park, Perrywood, Glassmanor, Fort Washington Forest, William Hall Academy and William Beanes.

Registration is now open at Parks Direct bit.ly/2heVGQ8; search for 20232. To learn more, contact anica.oneil@pgparks.com.



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various unions. Jason Washington, director of infrastructure for PGCPs, was the main speaker. Mel Franklin, at-large Prince George’s County Councilmember, moderated the meeting and answered some questions.

BluePrint Schools

The BluePrint Schools program to replace aging and crowded school buildings is a 30-year program to reconfigure some assets of the school system but, according to Washington, not a panacea to correct all problems nor a model they’d want to pursue for building all future schools. However, it is a public-private partnership that will enable the system to build more schools faster than they could otherwise at a time when overcrowding and aging buildings make it necessary. Prince George’s County Education and Community Partners (PGCECP) works to develop the BluePrint Schools program. PGCECP organizations include Fengate Capital Management and Gilbane Development, two of North America’s leading alternative project delivery firms. Gilbane Building Company and Stantec will serve as the Design-Build team, and Honeywell International will be the Facilities Services firm.

Financing Schools

Prior to BluePrint Schools, to get financing, the county would float a bond which is based on tax revenues. Prior processes resulted in slow project completion with a seven-year average time from procurement to delivery of a public school. Maintenance was not stipulated in the contracts so maintenance cost is borne by the school system each budget year causing “deferred maintenance costs” in the school budget which may preclude building new schools.

The BluePrint Schools Public-Private Partnership is the first of its kind in the nation. Private businesses borrow money to design, build and maintain schools and the school system/county/



A long line of folks wait to ask questions.

state will pay managed payments over the 30-year period. The process is faster because procurements are bundled together. Phase I, already underway, is to design, build, finance and maintain six schools. The process guarantees a 30-year maintenance program for the school. The maintenance will be handled by the Phase III maintenance contract (Honeywell is the facility services provider), saving the school system deferred maintenance costs which can be used to enhance educational programs.

Phase I Schools

Projections of student population for the schools to be built have been set at 850 students per elementary school, 1,200 students for middle school, 2,000 students per K-8 schools and academies and 2,500 students per high school. Here is the Phase I schools list: to be completed by July 15, 2023 – Kenmoor Middle School, Drew-Freeman Middle School, Hyattsville Middle School and Sonia Sotomayor Middle School in Adelphi; to be completed by August 4, 2023 – Walker Mill Middle School; to be completed by November 8, 2023 – Colin L. Powell Academy.

Phase II Schools

Tentatively, Phase II schools are Robert Frost K-8 school (includes Robert Frost Elementary,

tary, Charles Carroll Middle School and Carrollton Elementary School), Margaret Brent Elementary (includes Margaret Brent Regional School and Glenridge Elementary School), Hyattsville Elementary, Springhill Lake Elementary, Brandywine K-8 (includes Gwynn Park Middle School and Brandywine Elementary School) and James Duckworth Regional School (includes James E. Duckworth Regional School, Calverton Elementary School and Beltsville Academy, which will not be closed but will have new boundaries). Phase II financing will close by July 1, 2024. All schools will be delivered in a three-year time frame from start to finish.

Attendee questions:

1) A resident of Greenbelt from Local 491 noted that the Phase II schools contract included Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) requirements but not a labor component to assure quality jobs and benefits. Washington responded that there is nothing in the Request for Proposals to preclude a team from submitting a labor component and proposals are selected on who can do the best job for the best value. From the presentation, all jobs on the project will be paid according to the State of Maryland Prevailing Wage Scale.

2) Where does the money

come from for these projects? Washington discussed Phase II funding, although not final, as \$25 million from the state, \$15 million from PGCPs and \$10 million from Prince George’s County. Franklin noted that all decisions must be approved by the state.

3) Are there apprenticeship programs? Washington mentioned that Gilbane is working with the schools to identify students that can come onto the jobs.

4) Do you keep track of and publish the work hours done by county residents? Washington noted that they have tracked MBE and County-based business participation in Phase I. He will work to set up that residency audit in Phase II.

5) When will the schools add metal detectors for security in county schools? Mel Franklin did an on-the-spot quick survey of the audience and noted that more people wanted metal detectors than didn’t, but many policy issues need clarification. Washington said that security policy has not been addressed by the committees yet.

More questions from the audience were unanswered because the library was closing and time had run out for the meeting.

Information on the BluePrint Schools program can be found on pgcpsblueprintschools.com.

Panel to Discuss The Green Book

On Sunday, February 26 from noon to 2:30 p.m., the Prince George’s Plaza Community Center will host a panel discussion, The Green Book: Our History Through the Entertainment Lens. The Negro Motorist Green Book was used as a tool of resistance for African Americans as it provided tips on how to safely travel through the country. While the book is no longer published, its legacy has lived on through Green Book, the award-winning movie, and HBO’s Lovecraft Country, the critically-acclaimed television series. The movie and show provide the perfect opportunity to dive deeper into the history of the text that protected so many lives. The panel will pull excerpts from the original document, share personal experiences and discuss how history is reflected through entertainment.

The event is free but registration is required. Find the link and information about other Black History Month events at pgparks.com/Calendar.aspx.

Greenbelt Lake Photography Exhibit

The Patuxent Research Refuge is exhibiting the work of Greenbelt Lake photographers through February 28 at the National Wildlife Visitor Center’s Hollingsworth Gallery. The exhibit features Greenbelt Lake’s natural beauty with local photographers’ images of the Lake’s fauna, flora and landscapes.

Photographers include Kathryn Beard, Ken Briefel, Gary Brown, Gloria Brown, Raven Eyes Cagle, Bill Cornett, David Crissinger, Suzanne Flynn, Kevin Higgins, Michael Garcia, Kyla Hanington, Charles James, Mike Karloff, Mike Kilberg, Mick Morgan, Ken Nguyen, Marc Siegel, Graeme Simpson, Bruce Smith, Tom Stata, Wade Stephen, Vlad Tchompalov, Amy Wenzel and Andrea Zukowski.

The Visitor Center is located at 10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop, off Powder Mill Road, and is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



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follows in the tradition of Lucille Clifton, poet laureate of Maryland. A resident of Columbia, Clifton was a two-time Pulitzer Prize finalist and was the second woman and the first African American to serve as poet laureate of Maryland. Cessay also has created a life of poetry for herself. She is the Words Beats and Life 2020 Grand Slam Champion. She has performed for audiences at the Kennedy Center and is a Kennedy Center Youth Council member. After reading some of Clifton’s poetry, she recited some of her own most recent work, touching on the themes of water, hair and African

American resistance.

Chris Haley

Chris Haley read poetry from his new book. Haley is director of both the Study of the Legacy of Slavery in Maryland at the Maryland State Archives Research Department and the Utopia Film Festival in Greenbelt. He engaged the audience in a joke pretending he had just entered the room unawares.

To close out the performance, Eleanor Roosevelt High School’s quartet played a mellow set of three jazz pieces. Greenbelt enjoyed an afternoon of exciting and various celebrations of Black resilience, determination and joy.



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AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN PROGRAMS UPDATE



In response to the COVID-19 health emergency, the City of Greenbelt has been designated as the recipient of just under \$23 million in funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to respond to COVID-19 public health emergency and its impacts.

GREENBELT HAS LAUNCHED THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS:

- The First-time Homebuyer Mortgage Assistance Program
- The Education Scholarship Program
- And the Healthcare Voucher Program

PROGRAMS LAUNCHING SOON:

- The non-profit grant program
- The tree canopy grant
- Round 3 of the Business Improvement Recovery Fund
- Small Business Capital Improvement Fund

Stay connected by visiting the City’s website, www.greenbeltmd.gov. For updates on all ARPA programs, visit www.engagegreenbelt.com



Seagulls and their reflections at the pond at Ora Glen Drive and Hanover Parkway in Greenbelt East

Critical News Review Needs: Council and Advertising Help

by Cathie Meetre

Until recently, one writer took on the job of reporting on almost half of the Greenbelt City Council meetings – a primary purpose of this newspaper. Matt Arbach, who didn’t even live in Greenbelt, wrote three or four stories a month, competently and promptly, and the rest were taken up by others. He resigned last fall and we thank Matt for all his years of excellent service.

But, of course, alas, we now have a big gap to fill and are struggling to cover council’s two regular meetings and six worksessions per month.

Covering Council

Covering city council and other city activities is fundamental to our mission. Feature articles lighten our content and engage readers. But the backbone of our service is covering council.

It’s time consuming – regular council meetings frequently last three or more hours and worksessions about two – and then there’s the writing. Total time? Eight to 10 hours for a regular meeting and four to six for worksessions. A knowledge of city history and current concerns is helpful, but new council writers are assigned an experienced mentor. Contributing even one worksession a month would be a great help.

Advertising Support

The lifeblood of the newspaper is not glamorous. The Ad Desk generates income to pay for printing, distribution, services and rent to the city for our newsroom. We need new members to help with display and classified advertising in two-hour shifts Monday and Tuesday afternoons

M-NCPPC Announces Summer Job Fair

The Maryland-National Capital Parks and Planning Commission, Department of Parks and Recreation, Prince George’s County, will offer the first of three job fairs to hire applicants for a multitude of Summer 2023 positions. On Tuesday, February 28, from 3 to 7 p.m. interested applicants are invited to the Southern Regional Technology and Recreation Complex at 7007 Bock Road, Fort Washington, to apply in person.

“We are looking for talented and dedicated people to work in a variety of seasonal and part-time positions,” states Brenda Miller, principal human relations operations specialist at the department. “We encourage applicants to come prepared to meet our hiring managers and interview for immediate job opportunities in Parks and Recreation.” Positions are available for:

adapted aquatics staff; administrative staff; course instructors; customer service representatives; drivers; facility technicians; health & wellness staff; lifeguards; park maintenance; rental site support staff; senior activity center, summer camp and playground leaders and staff; summer day camp, playground and teen center positions; and therapeutic recreation staff.

Additional job fairs to be held in March will be announced shortly. To browse openings in advance, visit governmentjobs.com/careers/mncppc.

and early evening Tuesday. We need a “floater” to check email remotely and deal with inquiries promptly as they pop up. Shifts last approximately two hours and dividends (small) are available. Comfort with email and spreadsheet data entry is highly desirable, but a willingness to learn and reliability are the most critical attributes.

Our members are not pigeonholed. Someone who loves to write about gardening can do so even if their regular “job” is advertising or council worksessions. Someone who does council stories can help with ads. It’s very democratic!

Join us and help keep Greenbelt Great.

Contact us at editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com or call Cathie at 301-655-7008 to discuss how you can help.



Garden Club Meeting For Plot Assignment

The Greenbelt Community Garden Club will be having a virtual 2023 Plot Assignment meeting. The meeting will be held Monday, March 6 at 7 p.m. An email will be sent to returning gardeners with a link to join. Returning gardeners can direct any questions about completing the application to their garden coordinator. Fees and forms may be sent to the garden coordinator or payment can be made online using PayPal. For those who have any difficulty downloading and printing the form or who are without internet access, call Martha Tomecek at 301-614-0691.

44-Day Green Line Shutdown During Summer, Says Metro

On January 24, Metro announced a series of maintenance projects planned for the summer months, when ridership is lighter. The plans include a 44-day shutdown of the Green Line from Greenbelt to Fort Totten taking place from July 22 to September 4, 2023.

“Continued maintenance work is essential to safe and reliable rail service,” said Andy Off, executive vice president of infrastructure. “We are working strategically to target maintenance locations and minimize the impacts on customers as we conduct this critical work to upgrade systems, improve reliability and modernize station facilities.”

The extended shutdown will focus on the completion of fiber-optic cable installation to improve rail system technologies. Metro will move aggressively to com-

plete radio and signal projects that require new fiberoptic cables and introduce technologies that will enable more work time during non-passenger hours. While Green Line customers experienced a recent summer shutdown for station improvements along this same stretch, the installation of fiberoptics could not be addressed at that time due to the use of the tracks to move equipment.

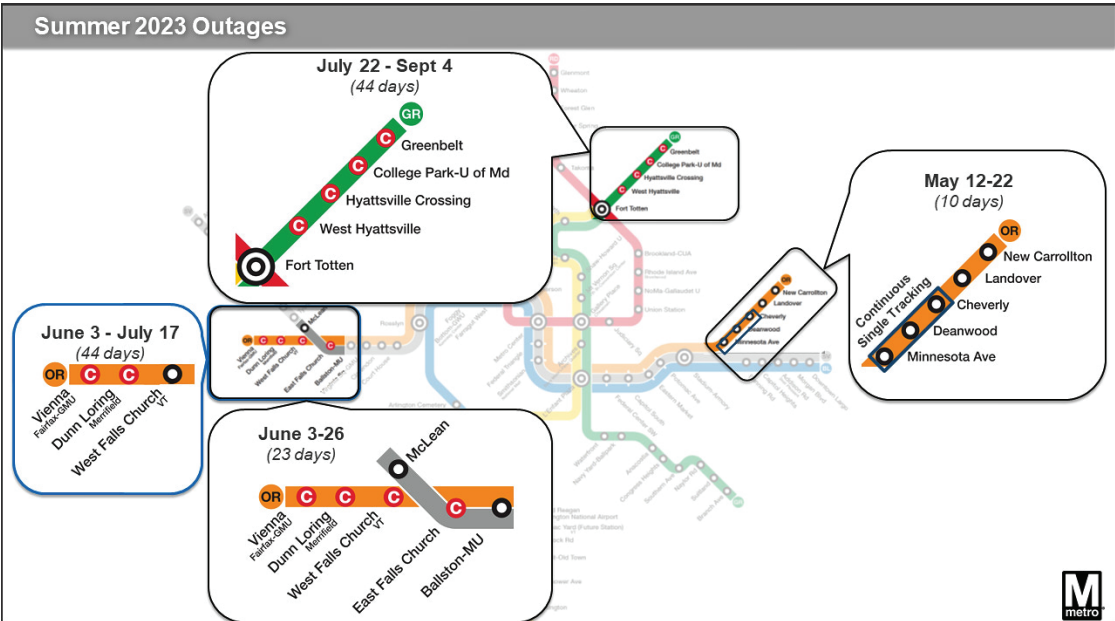
Other Improvements

In addition to the shutdowns and single tracking planned for Green, Orange and Silver Lines this summer, Metro will also advance two projects to modernize stations. New passenger information displays will be installed at three downtown transfer stations: Metro Center, Gallery Place and L’Enfant Plaza. The project has been prioritized to

quickly upgrade customer information at high ridership stations. In addition, the installation of three new escalators and a newly rehabilitated elevator at Dupont Circle’s north entrance, located at Q Street and Connecticut Avenue, N.W., will begin in late July or early August.

This week’s announcement comes about four months before the summer projects are set to begin with single tracking on the Orange Line. Metro says they are working closely with regional partners to establish travel alternatives and deploy a customer information and engagement plan before the shutdowns.

Information for this article was drawn from a press release issued by Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.



This map shows the sections of Metro that will be affected.

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Apology to Dr. Suess for the headline

Police Blotter

Incidents reported here occurred from February 13 through February 19. Readers are encouraged to contact the police if they have information that may aid in an inquiry. Remember: If you see something, say something! Call the non-emergency number 301-474-7200 or email pd@greenbeltmd.gov. Note that the times provided are when the incidents were reported.

ATM Break-in
On February 13 at 2:10 a.m. near 7300 Hanover Parkway, police officers responded to an ATM alarm. Upon arrival, officers observed extensive damage to the ATM machine and currency missing. A 2006 white Ford E-350 Super Duty van with ignition damage was hooked up to the ATM machine by a metal chain. The suspects are described as two Black men wearing all black, and one Black man wearing a gray hoodie. The suspects fled in a dark colored Jeep.

DUI Arrest
On February 17 at 3:34 a.m. near 7500 Greenbelt Road.

Spent Casings Found
On February 14 at 7:53 p.m. near 7700 Hanover Parkway, four casings were found in the parking lot.

Fraud
On February 13 at 11:31 a.m. near 100 Centerway; February 14 at 1:34 p.m. near 7800 Walker Drive, check fraud; February 15 at 1:38 p.m. near Laurel Hill Road, identity theft; February 16 at 3:14 p.m. near Hillside Road, check fraud.

Missing Person
On February 13 at 3:39 p.m. near 9200 Springhill Lane, an adult man was reported missing; February 16 at 10:02 p.m. near 9100 Springhill Lane, an 11-year-old boy was reported missing, later located.

Shooting
On February 13 at 12:44 p.m. near 6200 Springhill Drive, police officers responded to a report of a shooting with injuries. Officers located a 29-year-old man who sustained non-life-threatening injuries consistent with a gunshot wound. He was transported to a local hospital via ambulance. It was later determined the shooting happened in the 5900 block of Cherrywood Terrace. Springhill Lake Elementary School was placed on a brief lockdown as a precautionary measure. On February 16 at 7:50 p.m. police officers responded to the 5500 block of Cherrywood Lane for the report of a shooting. An adult man was transported to a local hospital via ambulance. The suspects are described as three Black men wearing dark clothing running north on Cherrywood Lane. It appears this was an isolated incident.

Theft
On February 13 at 6:34 p.m. near Ridge Road, package theft; February 15 at 4:29 p.m. near 7500 Greenbelt Road, commercial theft; February 16 at 9:28 p.m. near 7500 Greenbelt Road, wallet stolen; February 16 at 4:22 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, shoplifting theft; February 17 at 12:17 p.m. near 7500 Hanover Parkway,

wallet stolen; February 17 at 4:03 p.m. near 7500 Greenway Center Drive, two wallets stolen.

Trespassing
On February 13 at 4:39 p.m. near 6400 Cherrywood Lane, a 34-year-old man was arrested for trespassing inside of a vacant apartment.

Vehicle Crimes
Autos Recovered
On February 15 at 8:23 p.m. near 7800 Mandan Road, a stolen vehicle was located with steering column damage and a broken window; February 16 at 9:48 a.m. near 100 Westway, a stolen Hyundai Elantra was located with a broken rear driver-side window and a popped ignition. On February 19 at 9:21 p.m. near 9100 Edmonston Road, the victim of a stolen vehicle called stating his car was pinging in the 9100 block of Edmonston Road. Officers located the car and released it back to the owner. Personal property that was inside the car had been stolen.

Vandalism
On February 17 at 2:15 p.m. near 7800 Vanity Fair Drive, officers responded to the 7900 block of Lakecrest Drive for the report of teenagers breaking into cars. Officers located and arrested a 14-year-old boy and a 15-year-old boy, both of Greenbelt. A Kia Forte was located with a broken window but had a steering wheel club lock that prevented the suspects from stealing the car. The 14-year-old was previously arrested by GPD on February 4 for auto theft and on October 21, 2022, for a strong-armed robbery.

Vandalism, Theft from Auto
On February 13 at 10:21 a.m. near 6900 Hanover Parkway, a 2015 Kia Forte had a window broken; February 13 at 10:44 a.m. near 7200 Hanover Drive, a window was broken, personal property stolen; February 13 at 3:24 p.m. near 550 Crescent Road, a victim had been involved in a crash and his vehicle was towed, when he picked up his car, his personal property was no longer in the trunk; February 13 at 3:25 p.m. near Hamilton Place, an RV was broken into, interior damaged, tree cutting tool stolen; February 13 at 5:50 p.m. near 5700 Greenbelt Metro Drive, a 2015 Kia Optima had ignition damage; February 13 at 6:06 p.m. near 5700 Greenbelt Metro Drive, a 2022 Kia Forte had ignition damage, window smashed; February 13 at 8:18 p.m. near 8000 Lakecrest Drive, a 2022 Kia Rio had windows smashed and the steering column damaged; February 14 at 12:53 p.m. near 9100 Springhill Lane, a license plate was stolen; February 15 at 1 a.m. near 7400 Greenway Center Drive, a wheel was

stolen from 2013 Ford Explorer XLT; February 15 at 8 a.m. near 6200 Springhill Drive, window broken, tools stolen; February 15 at 8:32 a.m. near 6000 Springhill Drive, mirror was damaged; February 15 at 9 a.m. near 6100 Springhill Terrace, a window was broken and steering column and ignition damaged on a 2012 Hyundai Accent; February 15 at 11:50 a.m. near Parkway, a car was rummaged through and personal property stolen, no sign of forced entry; February 16 at 9:14 a.m. near 8000 Greenbelt Station Parkway, a window was broken out, nothing taken; February 17 at 4:19 p.m. near Ridge Road, a 2019 Hyundai Elantra had a window broken and steering column popped; February 18 at 11:46 p.m. near 7700 Hanover Parkway, a 2016 Kia had a window broken and steering column damaged; February 19 at 1:17 p.m. near 6200 Breezewood Drive, a Nissan Rogue had the window smashed and dents in the rear driver door. Officers located a second vehicle, a Kia Sorrento, with a window smashed.

Vehicles Stolen
On February 13 at 9:52 a.m. near 7800 Mandan Road, a black 2019 Kia Rio (Md. plate 4DT2706) was stolen; February 13 at 9:46 p.m. near 7700 Hanover Parkway, a Ford Escort (Md. plate 3BR1311) was stolen (the vehicle had a lightbar on top and a security company logo on the side); February 13 at 11:06 p.m. near 8400 Canning Terrace, a gold 2013 Lexus ES350 was stolen; February 14 at 9:37 a.m. near 100 Westway, a red Kia Optima (Md. plate 9EW6096) was stolen; February 15 at 12:03 a.m. near 7900 Mandan Road, a silver 2013 Kia Sorento (Md. plate 9CY6773) stolen, later located by Riverdale Police with a window broken and the steering column and ignition damaged; February 16 at 6:30 p.m. near 7800 Mandan Road, a Kia Forte (Ariz. plate CVM1621) was stolen; February 17 at 11:19 a.m. near 7500

Mandan Road, a red Hyundai Sonata (Md. plate 1FF8427) was stolen; February 17 at 7:10 p.m. near 5900 Cherrywood Terrace, a 2013 black Hyundai Elantra (Md.

plate 4CR1664) was stolen; February 19 at 11:49 a.m. near 7700 Hanover Parkway, a 2013 Hyundai Sonata (Md. plate 8EY7154) was stolen.

TikTok Challenge Offers Easy Means to Steal Some Vehicles

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

At a public safety community meeting on February 8, Prince George’s County Deputy Police Chief Vernon Hales reported to concerned residents that there were 3,847 car thefts in Prince George’s County in 2022 and this year there have already been 846 thefts in less than a month and a half. “Now most of that is being driven by this TikTok challenge with Kias and Hyundais,” he told those present. To help prevent vehicle theft, Prince George’s County Police Department is encouraging residents to remove charger cords from their vehicles or to at least hide them and to consider purchasing a brake pedal club, alarm or other theft prevention device.

Greenbelt Follows Trend

Greenbelt weekly crime data shows that in January 2022 there were 13 stolen vehicles, while in January 2023, for a similar four-week period of reports, there were 37 stolen vehicles and one classified as an attempted stolen vehicle, with the ignition started. For the 38 incidents of stolen vehicles last month, only nine were not Hyundais or Kias, with one an unspecified make.

Easy Hotwire

The TikTok challenge fueling the spike in thefts instructs viewers on how to hotwire the cars, which don’t have push-button ignitions, using just a USB cord. Once a plastic cover has been removed, the openings in the ignition cylinders of these cars are the right size for a USB, which is also strong enough to turn in the opening and act as a key.

Youth Crime

The popular car theft challenge on TikTok has led not only to a spate of thefts of Kias and Hyundais but it has encouraged vehicle theft among youths, in particular. One in four TikTok users are under 20 years old and almost 50 percent are under 30, according to data from DataReportal, Emarketer and Backlinko.

Anti-Theft Measures

Greenbelt Police last week launched their #9PM Routine asking residents to set a nightly reminder to lock their vehicles and homes, turn on exterior lights and activate security systems and alarms. They also ask Kia, Hyundai and Honda owners to add a steering wheel lock.

In January, Greenbelt Police placed flyers on Kias and Hyundais in the Lakeside North apartment complex advising owners to purchase steering wheel locks.

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Teen Car Thefts Highlight Problems; Solutions Elusive

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

Spurred by a TikTok challenge appealing to youths, the nationwide problem of teens stealing cars was dramatically highlighted in Greenbelt on February 4, when two 14-year-old Greenbelt boys and a 16-year-old girl from Bowie stole and crashed first a Kia Soul and then a Hyundai Sonata (Greenbelt News Review, February 9 issue, page 15).

Greenbelt Police Department spokesperson Hannah Glasgow said they are seeing a pattern of teenagers participating in auto thefts. “We have arrested more teenagers for stolen cars this year than adults,” she told the News Review.

Repeat Offenders

Some of those teenagers are repeat offenders. On February 17, Greenbelt Police officers arrested a 14-year-old for the second time in less than two weeks and the third time in four months. That 14-year-old Greenbelt boy was involved in crashing the two vehicles on February 4 and was arrested again at 2:15 p.m. on February 17 when officers responded to a report of teenagers breaking into cars and found him, along with a 15-year-old boy, also of Greenbelt, attempting to steal a car on Lakecrest Drive. Police found a Kia Forte with a broken window, but a steering wheel club lock had prevented the teens from successfully stealing the car.

The teen was also one of the two 14-year-olds arrested in October for strong armed robbery of

a youth outside the Youth Center.

Community Frustration

Many Greenbelt residents are becoming increasingly exasperated by the car thefts perpetrated by teenagers in broad daylight. Following a Greenbelt Police Department announcement on Facebook about the arrest of a repeat juvenile offender, residents shared their frustration. Most agree that something must change but they differ greatly on how to solve the problem of increasing juvenile crime.

Prosecute Parents?

Several residents would like to see parents held accountable for the actions of their minor children, some calling for them to even face jail time. At a February public safety community meeting with Prince George’s County Deputy Police Chief Vernon Hale, a similar call was made by attendees to charge juveniles’ parents. However, “Maryland law really does not support criminally charging parents for the actions of their children,” said Prince George’s County Attorney Aisha Braveboy in a recent interview with WUSA9 when the question of charging parents was put to her. There are exceptions in extreme circumstances, she noted, for example if a parent fails to safely store a firearm that their child uses. Hale indicated that parental disengagement was, however, a problem, and said he’s experienced a case where he had to use police time and resources

to take a juvenile offender home because the parents refused to even pick up their child following an arrest.

Tougher Penalties?

Greenbelt resident Justin Baker is one of several calling for harsher penalties for the youths that are arrested. He sees repeat juvenile offenders as “yet more definitive proof that juvenile criminals are just being cycled back into communities by our justice system again...and again...and again...and again.” He’s grown tired of what he calls “so-soft-it’s-barely-there justice.” “The ideological extremists who think punishment ruins youth have yet to recognize that not punishing youth ruins them,” said Baker. “No correction to their behavior will actually lead them to a life of more and more significant crime,” he argues.

Root Causes

Lawann Stribling, mother of six, who has lived in Greenbelt since 2010, disagrees. “I was that 15-year-old driving around in stolen cars,” she told the News Review. Punishment, or the threat of punishment, doesn’t dissuade youths dealing with childhood trauma and abuse, she argues. Instead Stribling believes we need to address the underlying causes that are leaving these communities marginalized, including poverty, lack of support, community or connection and racism.

Drive for Menstrual Products, Bras, Panties for Those in Need

by Erica Johns

A true and funny story from Robin Wendell Olson: On frigid, windy Saturday, February 4, [I] “decided to brave the cold and go out. When I rode by the Co-op ramp I saw people there so I pulled up and waved a five-dollar bill out my window, and said I’ll take a box of Thin Mints. A girl comes over and says ‘We’re not selling Girl Scout cookies, we’re collecting menstrual products!’”



Donors filled the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center bin to overflowing.

A True, Sad Story

This is a sad story with which anyone can help. Twenty percent of menstruating persons struggle to afford menstrual period products, and miss school or work because of “period poverty.” Period products cost an average \$20 per monthly cycle in January 2021, up to \$300 per year and \$9,000 over a lifetime (before recent inflation). They are not covered by government assistance, and they are as necessary as toilet paper. Imagine a family with menstruating persons living below the poverty line, all needing period products and being forced to choose between them or a meal. Imagine someone escaping their home after domestic violence or a flood, making it to a shelter and then getting their period. Imagine a niece wearing one product all day, using a sock or worse, or a grandchild having to skip school and stay home.

Think about bras, too. Imagine escaping from home at night not wearing a bra, and finding yourself meeting with police and social workers. If a co-worker is living paycheck to paycheck and their one bra breaks, what do they do? Some unhoused people wear one bra for years, which loses elasticity, provides less support and may cause embarrassment and pain, especially for heavy breasts which can cause neck and shoulder pain if not well-supported.

How Can You Help?

Through Tuesday, February 28, the Greenbelt Alliance for Reproductive Freedom (GARF) is collecting new and gently used bras (all types and sizes: standard, nursing, training, mastectomy and sports bras), menstrual products (tampons, pads, cups and period panties), toiletries (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, etc.). Collection bins are available at the Co-op Supermarket (inside the Roosevelt Center door), Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center, Youth Center, the New Deal Café, Choice Clinical Services in Roosevelt Center’s Granite Building and the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Online financial donations may be made to GARF’s partner I Support the Girls (ISTG) at bit.ly/ISTGxGreenbeltARF.

GARF hopes to surpass its November 2021 drive, which

collected 10,984 menstrual products; 534 new and used bras; 143 miscellaneous items (breast prostheses, new packaged underpants, toiletries); and \$1,137 for ISTG. Connect with GARF via facebook.com/GreenbeltARF or greenbeltarf@gmail.com.

Who will you be helping? The drive’s two beneficiaries are ISTG (isupportthegirls.org) and the Shepherd’s Cove Emergency Shelter for Women and Children in Capitol Heights (ucappgc.org/shepherd-s-cove-emergency-shelter). Donated items go to both Shepherd’s Cove and ISTG, while financial donations go to ISTG, which provides supplies to Shepherd’s Cove, to elementary, middle and high schools and to other shelters and nonprofits in Prince George’s County and throughout Maryland.

It Makes a Difference

One ISTG-supported bra recipient said, “Before I didn’t feel comfortable even asking for a job application Wearing a bra made me feel like I deserved a job, and I asked for the application. I hope I can buy my own bra soon.” Donating bras also reduces textile waste, which the EPA says is 6 percent of U.S. municipal waste. A Co-op ramp donor who had bras to donate and wanted to do so with maximum impact, was delighted to learn of ISTG, because it matched their values. A Buy Nothing Greenbelt member posted a brand-new bra for gifting to the group, and when told of this drive, responded: “This seems like the highest and best use. I’ll drop it off this week.”

Periods don’t stop for homelessness, domestic violence, natural disasters, poverty or pandemics. Dignity is a human right. Donations will give dignity to people experiencing distress.

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Community Church Gets Air-quality Monitor

On January 17 the Greenbelt Community Church received and had installed a monitor that will gather air quality data in real time. The church’s denomination, the United Church of Christ (UCC), in partnership with the local affiliate of Interfaith Power and Light and the University of Maryland, College Park School of Public Health Center for Community Engagement, Environmental Justice and Health (CEEJH) hosts a Mid-Atlantic Air Quality Data Collaboration. This project forms a local air quality monitoring network in order to support underserved communities in the legislative process and equip communities to advocate for themselves on matters of climate justice and environmental racism. The UCC has a long history of advocacy for environmental justice.

In the photo, Noble Smith (left) and Clay Thompson of CEEJH prepare to install the PurpleAir monitor on the church building. Thompson is seen holding the monitor. The PurpleAir monitor counts particulate matter via a laser counter and transmits information via Wi-Fi. The initial reading on installation of the monitor on the church building was 51, in the moderate range on the air quality index of major airborne pollutants.



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One resident told the News Review that after reading the flyer on their car they bought a lock as recommended and found the advice useful.

Software Updates Coming

On Tuesday, February 14, Hyundai Motor and Kia America, Inc. announced they will offer a free software update to millions of affected vehicles. The updates will require a key in the ignition switch to start the cars and

extend the alarm time from 30 seconds to one minute. The software updates will begin later this month and continue in coming months. The rollout of a software patch comes as some insurance companies, including State Farm and Progressive, stopped offering coverage for affected models of Kias and Hyundais and a class action lawsuit against the car manufacturers was filed in California.

Toastmasters Meet

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club invites all to join them online every first, third and fifth Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. The club provides a fun and friendly environment for anyone interested in improving their public speaking and leadership skills. Learn more at greenbelt.toastmastersclubs.org.



Greenbelt Weekly Peace Vigil For Ukraine Nears Anniversary

by Frank Gervasi



Members of the Peace and Justice Coalition and the Greenbelt Refugee Aid Committee keep a vigil in support of Ukraine every Sunday at 1 p.m. in Roosevelt Center.

The brutal invasion of Ukraine started at 5 a.m. on February 24, 2022. Russia, under Vladimir Putin, had illegally occupied part of that country since 2014 and one year ago invaded the rest of Ukraine.

Since March of 2022, members of the Peace and Justice Coalition and the Greenbelt Refugee Aid Committee have kept a vigil in support of Ukraine every Sunday at 1 p.m. near Roosevelt Center.

Led by Donna Hoffmeister, Marj Donn and others, the vigil has become a Sunday fixture. “We will stay here as long as it takes for peace to return to Ukraine,” said member Kathy Bartolomeo.

Last March, the Greenbelt Refugee Aid Committee was also formed to help some of the over 10 million displaced Ukrainians, and peoples from other areas.

Last summer the group hosted its first refugee from Ukraine, Mariya Tsybulnyk. She and so

many others fled the indiscriminate bombing in her beloved city of Kharkiv. She has since relocated to Canada, where she has been working and will now enter a university near Toronto on a full scholarship in an MBA program.

The first Ukrainian family sponsored by the Refugee Aid Committee will be arriving very soon. There is an apartment rented for them in the city center, paid for and furnished, all from donations.

The young family fled Sumy, a Ukrainian city bordering Russia, at the start of the war. Other than a brother in the military (healthy men between the ages of 18 and 60 cannot legally leave Ukraine in this time of crisis), they have no other family remaining there.

Recently, they have been hosted by a Dutch family and living in an attic apartment in Bussum, near Amsterdam. That city of 40,000 is currently home to 2,000

Ukrainians, all of whom have fled their homes since the start of the invasion.

“Poland has been even more helpful,” said Floris, the English-speaking host of the soon-to-arrive family. Responding in such a positive fashion to this crisis is inspirational.

Government and citizens are implored to do whatever it takes to help victims of violence and oppression everywhere. As Abraham Lincoln so beautifully said, it is the “better angels of our nature.”

This weekend is an active one. Join the vigil at Roosevelt Center marking one year of solidarity with Ukraine. Also, there is a vigil at the White House every afternoon at 4 p.m. The one-year milestone will be marked by a rally at the Lincoln Memorial on Saturday, February 25 at 2 p.m. The rally/protest will be followed by a march to the Russian embassy.

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Greenbelt School, Business, Housing Win Green Awards

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

On January 18, the Prince George’s County Department of the Environment, Resource Recovery Division and Keep Prince George’s Beautiful held their annual Waste Diversion and Recycling Awards ceremony. The ceremony recognized schools, county volunteers, commercial businesses and other entities that demonstrated “exceptional achievements in recycling and waste diversion throughout 2022” and for helping Prince George’s County reach its waste reduction goals. Among the award recipients Greenbelt was well-represented with a winner in most categories.

County Public Schools

In the category of Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS), two elementary schools and three high schools were selected for awards, including Greenbelt’s Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS). The high school’s composting program was also spotlighted at the Janu-

ary PGCPS Board of Education meeting, where it was lauded by the board.

Individual Winners

In the category of PGCPS Individual Winner, Allison McMahon of the Green School Initiative at ERHS was one of six winners countywide. McMahon is a chemistry teacher at ERHS and sponsors the Environmental Defense Club. McMahon helps organize and manage schoolwide recycling, Green School initiatives and creating environmental advocacy opportunities for students, including participation in environmental policy promotion events.

Businesses and Housing

The Hilton Garden Inn Hotels in Greenbelt was one of four commercial businesses to win an award and Andre Dandridge, assistant apartment manager of Lakeside North Apartments, was one of two people recognized in the category of Multi-Housing.



Fog rises from Greenbelt Lake after a rainy afternoon.

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Sports

Boys and Lady Raiders ERHS Basketball Teams Both Head for Post-season Play

by Patrick Gleason

After winning their fourth state title in 10 years last March, the Eleanor Roosevelt Raiders boys basketball team maintains some of the highest expectations in the state each winter. This year, the Raiders have suffered several close setbacks, including two early season overtime defeats and a buzzer-beating loss, but they have remained resolute as they march toward playoffs. Roosevelt enters its home playoff matchup against the C.H. Flowers Jaguars on Friday, February 24 with a 10-8 record.

Led by senior point guard Bryson Whitley and senior center Tobi Raji, the Raiders earned a regular-season ending senior night victory over the Suitland Rams in resounding fashion, avenging a loss from earlier in the season. The Raiders never relented, enthused by two highlight reel alley-oops from Raji that thrilled an excitable crowd that included members of the 2013 state championship team who were on hand for a 10-year anniversary of Coach Brendan O’Connell’s first state championship.

the Raiders need for another deep post-season run. With a win over Flowers the Raiders will likely have the chance to avenge two close regular season defeats to the Wise Pumas.

Lady Raiders

With coach Delton Fuller, Lady Raiders playing their best basketball as of late, ended the regular season with a 9-5 record. The girls matched the boys with exciting victories over the Bowie Bulldogs and Suitland Rams in the regular season’s final week. On Valentine’s Day, Roosevelt led Bowie throughout the contest. However, a late surge punctuated by two three-pointers from the Bulldogs kept the matchup tight. After sealing the victory with late free throws, the Lady Raiders traveled to Suitland for a 50-48 victory, ready to enter the playoffs with momentum. Their postseason journey begins with a home rematch against the Rams on Friday, February 24 at 5:30 p.m. with the Roosevelt-Flowers boys’ matchup to follow.



Senior Asha Verma and the Raiders finished the regular season 9-5 with momentum-building victories over Bowie and Suitland.



Senior Tobi Raji slams home two points in the first of the Raiders’ two victories over the Bowie Bulldogs this season.

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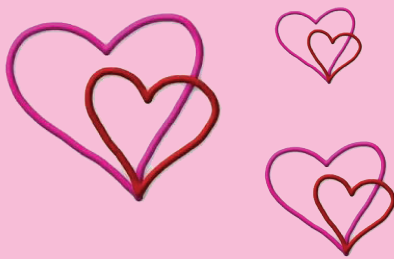
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